

# NEWS



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## **Inyo National Forest Announces Start of Forest Plan Revision Process**

BISHOP, Calif., Feb. 15, 2013 – In February 2012, USDA Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell selected the Inyo National Forest (INF) as one of the first national forests to revise its Forest Plan using the 2012 Forest Service planning rule. The INF's existing Forest Plan was completed in 1988 and has been amended multiple times since then. The Forest Plan provides direction and zoning for the management of a range of resources and activities such as water, wildlife, ecosystems, and recreation for the 2 million acre Inyo National Forest.

The INF is now prepared to initiate public participation in the first phase of the Forest Plan revision process, an assessment of forest resource conditions and trends. To this end, the INF has scheduled three public meetings / webinars in March and April of 2013. The goals of the meetings are to review the plan revision process and to solicit input on current forest conditions and relevant trends and drivers of forest change.

MEETINGS / WEBINARS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>Bishop Kick-off Meeting / Webinar</b> An introduction to Forest Plan revision and an opportunity to provide input on forest resource conditions and trends.	March 11, 2013	6:00 to 8:30 pm	Forest Supervisor's Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop CA <i>Webinar: See below to RSVP</i>
<b>Mammoth Lakes Kick-off Meeting / Webinar</b> Same as the Bishop meeting.	March 13, 2013	6:00 to 8:30 pm	Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail, Mammoth Lakes, CA <i>Webinar: See below to RSVP</i>
<b>Follow-up Technical Workshop / Webinar</b> While everyone is welcome to attend, this workshop is geared towards people who want to provide detailed input on specific scientific and technical concerns in the Forest Assessment.	April 4, 2013	Session 1: 2:00 – 4:00 pm Session 2: 5:00 – 7:00 pm  Participants are welcome to take part in either or both sessions.	Forest Supervisor's Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop CA <i>Webinar: See below to RSVP</i>

All three meetings are designed with a webinar component; please RSVP for webinars as described below. While meetings will be designed to encourage participation and learning by both in-person and remote participants, please note that people participating via webinar may find it difficult to actively engage in discussions given physical acoustics and the number of in-person participants.



## **Collaboration and Communication Plan**

As part of its preparations to revise the 1988 Forest Plan, the INF has released the Forest Plan Revision Collaboration and Communication Plan. Developed based on information gathered from more than 50 stakeholder interviews and two public workshops held in the fall of 2012, the Collaboration and Communication Plan describes the public outreach, involvement and collaborative activities to be used throughout the Forest Plan revision process and is available online at

[www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5408463.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5408463.pdf)

Questions?

Please contact Susan Joyce, Forest Planner, at (760) 873-2516 or [sejoyce@fs.fed.us](mailto:sejoyce@fs.fed.us) for more information about the meetings or to register for the webinars. More information about the meetings and Forest Plan revision is available at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/landmanagement/planning](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/landmanagement/planning).

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